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Kelly Parkhill  
Director for Industry Support and Analysis  
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Department of Commerce  
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Parkhill:

I am writing to urge that the Administration expedite its rulemaking process to establish an expanded and improved steel import monitoring system. This is a critical program for industry participants and government policy makers alike, and there is a real urgency to see the existing system extended and enhanced.

Given the remarkable changes and volatility seen in the global steel markets, ensuring timely collection and dissemination of information is now more critical than ever. The Administration's initiative in creating the existing Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis system put in place an effective program of real benefit to those who need and rely on this critical market data. The program does not limit or hinder imports, but rather, provides information that allows the market to function more efficiently.

The Administration's commitment to this program, and the next step of expanding the system to other steel products, is very important to the industry and to constituents in my state. I urge you to move quickly to see that this new system is put in place for the benefit of all market participants.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments, and please keep me informed of the steps taken to implement the new program.

Very respectfully yours,



Mike DeWine  
United States Senator

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